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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MOUNT TIPTON WATER CO., INC. FOR AN EMERGENCY RATE INCREASE

DOCKET NO. W-02105A-08-0262

MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION TO FILE RATE APPLICATION

Apparently, during the Open Meeting held on March 3, 2009, the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") ordered the Mount Tipton Water Co., Inc. ("Company") to file an application for a permanent rate case by October 2, 2009 and bring the application to sufficiency by December 31, 2009. Recently, the Company engaged the Moyes Sellers & Sims Law Firm and Desert Mountain Analytical Services, PLLC ("Desert Mountain") to assist with the rate case.

Unfortunately, several days ago the Company's Business Manager Charlotte Cleveland unexpectedly resigned. Prior to her resignation, Ms. Cleveland was the lead Company staff person who had been asked to work with Desert Mountain and compile the documents and data necessary to enable Desert Mountain to analyze and draft the financial components of the rate application based on these documents. Although the

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Company is working diligently to compile the necessary documentation for Desert Mountain's analysis, the loss of Ms. Cleveland's services will make it extremely unlikely that the Company can file a well-reasoned rate application with supporting documentation by October 2, 2009. Further, Desert Mountain is working on another application that needs to be filed with the Commission on or before the first business day in October. Accordingly, the Company is requesting that the Commission extend the deadline for filing the rate application to on or before October 23, 2009.

To be clear, the Company understands that the Commission wants a sufficient rate application by December 31, 2009. The Company is <u>not</u> seeking to extend this deadline. But if the October 2, 2009 deadline is not extended, then the Company will have no alternative but to file an application that will not be thorough and the Commission Staff will spend an inordinate amount of time documenting what needs to be done to make the application sufficient. If the extension is granted, however, then Desert Mountain will have adequate time to prepare the rate application, and if any corrections need to be made to meet sufficiency, they will likely be minor. Thus, the Company believes that granting the extension will enable both the Company and Staff to effectively apply their limited resources in such a way that will actually help make certain that the Company's rate application is sufficient on or before December 31, 2009.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 25th day of September, 2009.

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